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Fines now for violating red flags at New Buffalo Public Beach

BY STAN MADDUX

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People in the water during potential rip current conditions at the public beach in New Buffalo will now be subject to $500 fines.

Boaters also face the same penalty if heading to Lake Michigan in the city's public channel during lake conditions that are viewed as being too dangerous for their watercraft.

The fines applying to violators of all ages are contained in an ordinance approved unanimously Monday, October 16 by the city council.

New Buffalo City Manager Darwin Watson said fines under state law cannot be given to people under the age of 18.

However, Watson said parents or guardians of children in the water despite red flag conditions will be ticketed, even those who were not at the public beach with them at the time.

"We will look to fine the parent because there has to be a responsible person for anyone underage," he said.

Mayor John Humphrey said a parent or guardian will also be subject to a $500 penalty for each person they're responsible for in the water in violation of warnings at the beach to stay out.

Humphrey said the ordinance is in response to at least 15 calls involving beachgoers and jet ski operators in distress at the public beach in July and August alone.

Some of the people had to be rescued.

In one case during the summer, Humphrey said two children nearly drowned in a rescue involving a lifeguard, who had to be pulled from the water by police from exhaustion.

Earlier this month, he said six people were caught trying to launch a row boat in the Galien River channel beside the public beach parking lot despite a storm churning up 9-foot-high waves on the lake.

He said a police officer stopped them before they could venture out on the water.

"We got some people doing these things that are not very smart and they endanger the lives of our first responders trying to save them," he said.

Humphrey said the portion of the ordinance governing boats is meant primarily for small watercraft, like jet skis.

"That's what we had problems with this summer," he said.

He said one jet-ski with two passengers overturned in rough conditions and wound up on the rocks at the break wall.

Humphrey said the ordinance was tailored after measures other Lake Michigan communities have placed in the books to try and reduce such problems.

"A sizable fine can be a deterrent," he said.

Watson said the public will be informed about violators being subject to fines with signage at the beach along with information posted on the city's webpage and other forms of media.

"Hopefully, we don't have to use it."

Humphrey said the ordinance does not apply when the lake can be reached from private property.

Lose your dreams and you might lose your mind.
— Mick Jagger

NEW BUFFALO HALLOWEEN PARADE ON TAP FOR THIS SUNDAY

The New Buffalo Community Halloween Parade is Sunday, Oct. 29, with arrival time at 2 p.m.

Judging of the costumes will take place at 2:30 p.m. The parade will step off at 3 p.m.

Trick or treating in the city is scheduled for 3:30-5:30 p.m.

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Local Government Meetings

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Meets on the 2nd Friday of each month at 1PM

Grand Beach Village Council approves firm as master plan consultant

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Members of the Grand Beach Village Council approved awarding Beckett and Raeder, Inc. as the position of consultant for the village's master plan at their rescheduled Monday, Oct. 23, meeting.

Members approved the motion in a 4-1 vote, with James Bracewell being the dissenting vote.

Council president Harry Walder said that Diana Cody, the master planning task force chairwoman, was recommending the landscape, planning, engineering and environmental services firm, which is headquartered in Ann Arbor.

The village's contact will be Sara Kopriva, an associate, who will be paid an hourly rate of $130 an hour not to exceed $4,000.

The village received another proposal from Rebekah Schrag from Southwest Michigan Planning Commission for an hourly rate of $75-$95 an hour plus the standard mileage rate if needed.

Last month, Walder had recommended that they hire Marcy Hamilton, senior planner at the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, as consultant; however, council members didn't approve.

Once a consultant is hired, council members can then hold a town hall, which was originally scheduled to take place last month, for the public to give their input on the plan.

Bracewell said that he feels the community is "entitled to vetting the company and the person."

"I'm for rescheduling or not making a movement on this until we at least know something about this company," he said.

Bracewell reiterated his stance that he "never voted for the methodology" that the council voted for last December and January, and that he believes that they should hire a professional company first and then "they lead the way in bringing in the proper professional structure that you need;" however, the council voted "to go in a different direction."

Councilmember Ed Brandes said that the consultant will merely help them "navigate and interpret our plan in light of the Michigan Planning Enabling Act."

"I think you're overblowing the value of these consultants and they're very expensive and we've got a lot of talent right here...It's our plan, it's our issues, it's our priorities - I think we can figure it out, we just have to make sure we're compliant with our statute," he said.

Council member Blake O'Halloran, who, along with Bracewell, originally didn't vote on the matter, relented and said that it's a "compliance issue."

He originally said that he feels they should wait, as he felt "boxed in" with regards to the vote. He didn't approve of the other proposal, as she's connected with the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, and they turned down hiring Hamilton at the last meeting.

"I can't believe there's one company that does this in the state of Michigan," he said.

Council members approved an annual salary of $44,000 for a new deputy clerk candidate. Upon the salary approval, Walder can move forward in making an offer to the candidate, assuming her references check out. She will replace Kim Wolnick, who will replace clerk/treasurer Mary Robertson once she retires in December.

Walder said that the candidate has 13 years of experience in municipal government and has worked as a clerk/treasurer in an Indiana town.

Councilmembers heard a presentation on the proposed Honeybee Gardens Parklet, or the Barabra G. & John Keeley, Jr. Memorial Park.

The park, which would be donated by the Keeley Family Foundation, would be located at 47027 Lake View Avenue.

Walder said that they're ready to move ahead with the park and that some corrections need to be made to an agreement. It will be forwarded to village attorney Sara Senica, with the hope that it'll be approved by the council next month.

The park would contain an ADA accessible crushed aggregate walking path, with a flat lawn area in the middle. There'd also be a native prairie area, and evergreen trees and berming. To give the park the old Grand Beach feeling, white posts and chain barriers that are similar to the ones along Grand Beach Road near the village's entrance will be used.

The park would go along Lake View and potentially curve down Walnut to the second access point. The second access point is right above where people walk down to the pumphouse beach stairs. This would delineate and define the park as well as keep golf carts off the park, which follows the beach ordinance.

In automotive industrial transformation, going electric is actually only the first half, and intelligence is the second half. That's a real huge change.
— Wang Chuanfu

The park will expand the pump house beach area for all residents to enjoy, as there will be additional golf cart parking in front of Lake View as well as a walking path through the park or another access down Lake View to Walnut to access the beach.

Representatives for the foundation said that the "existing stone work revetment in the front will provide protection to the dune, as it complements the work that was done in front of the pump house." As the beaches return, sand will hopefully continue to reestablish the beach in front of the pump house and the future park.

Police chief Ryan Layman and Flick had made a presentation on residents having reflective, two-sided address signs in March. Walder said that he'd sent out a letter to residents suggesting that they "do something like this" with regards to placing signs in front of their houses; however, there are still many houses where the address can't be found anywhere and if there is a sign, it's placed on the wrong street and isn't reflective.

Walder asked if Layman should be instructed to enforce the ordinance and start ticketing people who don't have the signs in front of their houses, who have them on the wrong street and who have signs that are illegible or to do an ordinance on the matter.

The proposed color had been green, which council members hadn't approved. Council members agreed that Layman get the prices on address signs in green, black and brown and bring them back to the council next month.

Council members approved spending an amount not to exceed $3,000 to hire a police intern. The cost is being split with the Village of Michiana, with the $3,000 being Grand Beach's half. The intern will be with Grand Beach until she goes to the police academy in January.

Council members approved changing the start time for next year's published council meetings to 5 p.m. from January through March.

Council members approved Arie Donkersloot using the Lake Avenue access to do revetment repair work to a private property on Lake View Avenue and another one on Lake Park Drive.

Councilmembers approved employee pay increases for assistant police chief Jamie Flick and golf course personnel, with a starting wage of $14 an hour for new hires for the golf course.

Council members approved transferring $24,025.18 from Local Revenue Sharing Funds to Capital Projects Funds and $116,650 to Capital Projects for the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget.

Budget amendments for the General Fund, Water Fund, Golf Fund, Major Streets Fund, Local Street Fund, Building Fund and Capital Projects for fiscal year 2022-2023 were approved. Council members agreed to accept the two free veterans parking signs with poles and associated hardware from the Berrien County Veteran Service Office. Walder said the maintenance department can figure out where to put the signs.

Council members were given a copy of the draft tree ordinance, which they reviewed. The ordinance will move on to Senica for her review.

TEEN KILLED IN ATV CRASH

A 14-year-old boy was killed in an off road vehicle accident in northern La Porte County.

Leo Lambert was driving an all-terrain vehicle on private property Saturday, Oct. 21, at a "high rate of speed," according to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

La Porte County Coroner Lynn Swanson said the Rolling Prairie boy struck a guide wire from a utility pole.

He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Swanson said cause of death was ruled blunt force trauma.

The accident happened in the Rolling Prairie area in the 3900 block of N. 350 East.

According to the DNR, the boy was wearing a helmet at the time of the accident. — STAN MADDUX

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On Fate

OPINION BY DINO N. FATOUROS

Whatever happens, whatever the situation, whatever AI guided missiles are coming for your interests, whatever Nature decides is necessary; one should not allow one's impressions to weaken and cause the soul to feel discontent.

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Youth take center stage at Open Mic Night

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Family, friends and fans came out to see the latest in entertainment's fresh batch of talent during the first Youth Night at The Acorn Center for the Performing Arts' monthly Open Mic Night Sunday, Oct. 22.

The evening, which was emceed by Peter Carey and The Acorn Artistic Director Nikki Gauthier, featured rock and roll bands, singers, pianists, guitarists and songwriters - all of whom were in high school or elementary school.

The next Youth Night is being planned for April 2024.

Next month's Open Mic Night, which is Sunday, Nov. 12, will feature Abbie Thomas.

For future inquiries, contact openmic@acornlive.org.

Young musicians and singers line the stage

Nora Clements and Aaron Conley collaborate on a song

Aaron Conley plays his guitar at Open Mic Night

Hailey Amster sings and strums her guitar

Hope Dirnberger sings *Let It Be*

The band Massasauga opens the show

Maddie Ward plays her guitar

Moiraey Bair takes the stage

Mason Kutin closes out the first set on his guitar

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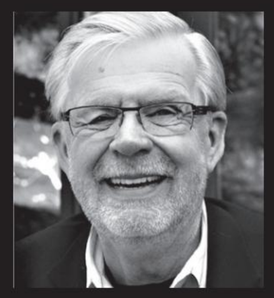
From the Bleachers

COLUMN BY KURT MARGGRAF IN CHICAGO



Uh oh. Being a Bears fan for many decades, I've seen a lot of things.

They almost always have excellent running backs and linebackers, led by the great Walter Payton and Dick Butkus. The other thing the Bears almost always have is a backup quarterback that fans think should be the starter. Quarterback controversies are part of the package for Bears fans.

Sunday, the Bears won a home game for the first time in over a year, led by, you guessed it, backup quarterback Tyson Bagent. Nobody can mistake the physical ability of Bears starting quarterback Justin Fields. He is an extremely talented runner that has a canon for an arm. He attended football powerhouse Ohio State university, was a first-round draft pick, and has all the tools needed to be a great quarterback.

On the other hand, Bagent was an undrafted free agent who played for tiny Shepherd University in West Virginia. He doesn't have a particularly strong arm and he's not all that fast. When Fields possibly dislocated his thumb and couldn't grip the ball, Bagent replaced him and promptly led the Bears to victory. Fields could still be injured next week and a full blown quarterback controversy, if it's not already here, will happen if Bagent plays reasonably well.

The World Series is just around the corner. The playoffs have been very entertaining and it seems to me that the Phillies are the best team remaining. The player that intrigues me most is Kyle Schwarber.

Kyle was a Cub until a few years ago when they inexplicably chose to let him go. He strikes out way too much, his batting average is way too low, he's slow and he's a pretty bad fielder. But when it counts, it seems like he comes through more often than not. He was a folk hero in Chicago and he's become one in Philadelphia. The fans love him and so do his teammates. Every team makes decisions that backfire on them, and letting Schwarber go without compensation was the biggest Cub mistake since they traded Lou Brock for Ernie Broglio.

The Blackhawks finally returned home from a road trip to begin the season. For the first time in quite a while, the United Center was rocking, and the excitement was evident. Connor Bedard, the young man that just turned 18, has turned on Chicago sports fans like few before him. The young man has great skills and a tremendous work ethic. He's charismatic and will very shortly be leading the team to the playoffs. On opening night in Chicago, he rewarded the fans by scoring the first goal of his professional career. Bedard is indeed special and I can't wait to see how his career progresses.

Jim Valvano said, "Never give up! Failure and rejection are only the first step to succeeding."

Be kind. Talk to you next week. Peace, love, and happiness.

What separates us is that we expect to be great.
— Deion Sanders

Lady Bison stumble in conference tournament in volleyball

BY STAN MADDUX

The New Buffalo High School girls' volleyball team underperformed in the conference tournament in the eyes of head coach Bruce Molineaux.

The Lady Bison, which ended the regular season (16-9-2), finished in fourth place Saturday, Oct. 14, in the Berrien Cass St. Joseph Conference tournament of teams in their smaller school division of the conference.

Michigan Lutheran hosted the tournament this year.

New Buffalo easily defeated Grace Christian in the opening round before falling to Michigan Lutheran, which won two of the three sets in the match.

The Lady Bison then defeated Howardsville Christian in a two set sweep 25-21 and 25-23 but ended the tournament with a 25-21, 25-14 loss to River Valley.

Molineaux said he was disappointed in the performance of his players and the costly mistakes they continue to make a little too often for reaching the next level.

"We were up and down," he said.

Jane Funk led the Lady Bison offensive attack with 36 kills during the tournament. She was also a major contributor on defense with 20 digs.

Meagan Fatter, Riley Tertel and Collen Chlystun lead the team in digs with 22 apiece.

Chlystun and Benita Puskunigis each had nine aces or points off the serve.

Senior Ava Johnson had 45 assists on offense.

Molineaux, who began the season with high expectations for deep runs in the conference and upcoming District 4 tournaments, said the team will continue to work at being more consistent at practice before opening the district tournament Nov. 1 against Our Lady of the Lake.

"The little things we'll try to work on," he said.

Our Lady of the Lake is hosting the District 4 Tournament this year.

During the regular season, New Buffalo failed to win a match against Our Lady of the Lake, which was the regular season conference champion and winner of the conference tournament.

"You might as well go against the best right away," he said.

Molineaux said the key against Our Lady of the Lake and other competitive teams in the tournament is consistency in areas like striking the ball and players communicating to avoid miscues on defense.

River Valley opens the district tournament Monday against Eau Claire.

The Lady Bison finished the regular season with a four set loss to Cassopolis at home two days prior to the conference tournament.

Funk was the leader in kills with 17, while Johnson had 34 assists.

Chamber celebrates past year, looks to the future at annual dinner and meeting

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

The larger the 413-member strong Harbor Country Chamber of Commerce becomes, the more the message of what it's like to work and live here spreads throughout the surrounding area and beyond.

"Ultimately, the goal of the Harbor Country Chamber of Commerce is to share the wonderful stories of our beloved Harbor Country community," Kimberlee Wendt, executive director of the chamber, said during the chamber's annual dinner and meeting at Tabor Hill Winery in Buchanan Wednesday, Oct. 18.

This effort, she said, "rides on the strong shoulders" of the chamber's members, who work hard every day to provide a living for employees and customers "with a winning attitude."

"I'm proud and lucky to have this group of people...Our members not only strive for themselves but also build up a community," Wendt said.

One of the goals of the chamber's 2022-2023 fiscal year was to re-evaluate members' exclusive benefits, which Wendt said provided "new ways to communicate, market our members' businesses and organizations and network." The strength of the chamber's business-based social media increased with the establishment of a LinkedIn page, which currently boasts 40 followers. A Harbor Country Chamber member Facebook private group page was also created for members to share freely with each other on an "exclusive platform," which includes commenting on business trends and seeing members-only specials.

The chamber has been planning ways to "broaden our horizons," Wendt said, by calling a symposium for early winter. Updates can be found in the members newsletter, on the chamber's LinkedIn page and the member Facebook group.

"We are organizing a coalition of our communities to officially tackle infrastructure development to support our residents, potential residents and businesses," Wendt said.

The chamber's "Coast In-" themed tourism campaign has been expanding to beyond Exit 1, as the annual Harbor Country Guide will be available at the Chicago Travel Show and the South Bend Boat Show.

Winners of this year's chamber member awards, which are voted on by members, were Harbor Country Mission Director of Operations David Heyn, who won the "Most Community Minded Business" award; Red Arrow Roasters owner Jessica Nance, winner of the "Outstanding Young Entrepreneur" award and Journeyman Distillery owners Bill and Johanna Welter, who were awarded for the "Largest Economic Impact" award for the second year in a row.

Harbor Country Mission Director of Operations David Heyn accepts the Most Community Minded Business Award from Kimberlee Wendt

Members hear chamber updates

Margaret Martin, Jennifer Thompson and Kurt Hauseman receive special recognition

Kurt Hauseman, Tammy Stelling, Traci Hauseman, and Cathi and Tim Rogers

Members of the 2023-2024 Harbor Country Chamber Board of Directors

Red Arrow Roasters owner Jessica Nance accepts her Outstanding Young Entrepreneur award while Kimberlee Wendt looks on

Journeyman Distillery owners Johanna and Bill Welter receive the Largest Economic Impact award

Heyn thanked the members for their support for helping Harbor Country Mission thrive.

"Thank you for donating awesome items that we're able to give away - if you know anyone, a friend, family, neighbor or employee, in need of help, send them our way," he said, adding that they're open seven days a week to "help families."

Nance credited her staff as well as members of the chamber and its board of directors, where she has served as treasurer and now serves as vice president.

"I couldn't do this without all of you - so you are my customers, you are my mentors, fellow board members," she said.

Bill Welter, who said it was 13 years ago when he and Johanna opened Journeyman in Three Oaks, thanked all those businesses before them that paved the way to their success.

Recently, they opened another location in Valparaiso, Indiana.

"Everyone who came before us in southwest Michigan, particularly in food and beverage, the leaders of the community, the leaders in southwest Michigan...We're really riding their coattails, they did the groundbreaking, they led the charge and we're the beneficiary of their success and commitment to this area, this organization," he said.

Members of the 2023-2024 chamber's board of directors are David McNabb of Edward Jones, president; Nance, vice president; social member Colleen Neubauer, secretary; social member John Quackenbush, treasurer; Erika Milovich of Bluefish Vacation Rentals, director; Rachel Watkins of Fifth Third Bank, director; Justin Frederickson of Gather All Day, director and Bob Sima of Ghost Isle Brewery, director.

Special recognition of service to the chamber was also given to the following departing members, who served during the Covid era: Margaret Martin of MAK Salon and Spa, who served two consecutive three-year terms; Jennifer Thompson of Chikaming Open Lands, who served two consecutive three- year terms and Kurt Hauseman of Lake Homes Realty and New Buffalo Inn and Spa.

Staff members at the chamber are Wendt; Patty Knicker,executive assistant and Emily Hojara, digital marketing manager.

NEW BUFFALO TREKKERS WILL SHARE DETAILS OF INCA TRAIL ADVENTURE

New Buffalo residents Laura and Fred Jolly will share stories and photos of their five-day hike on the Trail, from the trailhead 50 miles outside Cuzco through mountain passes to the ruins of Machu Picchu, at a Monday, Nov. 6, presentation at the New Buffalo Township Library.

The program is sponsored by the Harbor Country Hikers, and begins at 6:30 p.m.

The Jollys will recount the history of the Incas' remarkable sacred region and provide some helpful hints and logistics of their trip for others who'd like to repeat it.Their photos and journal entries will offer insights into Inca civilization and views of archeological sites along the trail.

In previous presentations at the library, the Jollys have shared highlights of their two-year trip to all of America's National Parks, and of Fred's through hike of the Appalachian Trail.

All are welcome at this program, and there is no charge to attend. The New Buffalo Township Library is located at 33 N. Thompson Street in downtown New Buffalo. — STAFF REPORTS

Celebrating 40 years of crafts, apple slices at Service League's Arts and Crafts Show

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

The colorful crafts that peeked out from every corner of the booths that filled the two gyms at New Buffalo Middle/High School during the New Buffalo Service League's 40th annual Arts and Crafts Show Saturday, Oct. 21, more than made up for the gray, drizzly day outside.

Guests browsed the more than 100 booths and admired the wreaths decked out in big bows and shiny ornaments, gnomes outfitted in floppy, felt hats and other handmade items for the home.

"We have a lot of new vendors and they've brought all kinds of new things this year - we've got some really nice glass and all specialty things, " Nancy Gino, who co-chairs the show, said.

In addition to the crafts, guests could also enjoy the bake sale in the commons area and breakfast and lunch items (which included walking tacos this year) in the cafeteria.

Per tradition, the fastest selling item off the menu were the apple slices.

"Apple slices, as usual, will be sold out I'm going to say by noon - that's my prediction, because people are buying them even now by the half pans because they're using them for Halloween and Thanksgiving and freezing them," league member Liz Rettig, who chaired the kitchen duties, said the morning of the show.

Members made 30 pans of apple slices - peeling and slicing them and mixing the dough and rolling it out. Later, they brought the pans to the school for baking. Members get the apples from Sawyer Home and Garden Center, which gives them a deal on the apples. This year, Rettig said that they gathered seven half bushels of apples.

Rettig said they follow the tried and true recipe from the aunt of Linda Colvin, a former president of the league whose husband ran an insurance company in New Buffalo years ago.

"She usually shows up and gives us a little 'How are you guys doing,'" Rettig said.

Proceeds from the fair go towards the league's scholarship fund.

Seniors at New Buffalo Area Schools are presented with the scholarships every May.

Last year, Gino said she believes that they gave out seven scholarships, which would be over $7,000.

Amanda Copley displays treats from Carol Anne's Candies

Service League members with their famous apple slices

Guests browse the booths in one of the gyms

Dave Keammerer had his wood crafts on display in one gym

Guests view the array of crafts in one gym

Guests view baked goods in the commons area

Christine Davis of Beach Break with her beach glass jewelry

Connie Eckert and her great nieces, Amelia and Ella Dudeck, admire a blanket at one of the booths

Viviana Valdez with her realism and mixed media work

Eileen Doyle and her gnomes made with water bottles

Melanie Prentice was back with her holiday wreaths and swags

"It brings tears to your eyes to see how appreciative these kids are and to read their thank you notes for the next time - they're hilarious," she said.

Gino still uses the trusty boards, one that's blue for the blue gym and one that's gold for the gold gym, that were made by Irene Brinckman to set up for the show. Brinkman, who was the show's former chair, passed away in 2021. Each year, a senior receives the Irene Brinkman Scholarship.

"I still use them (the boards) - I put little sticky notes so I know where everyone is," Gino said.

Gino said that the league's size has doubled in the last five years and has around 42 members.

She attributes the increase to Covid, which prompted more people to stay in the area after moving here once the pandemic hit.

"The people left Chicago and moved here and they wanted to find like minded people, they wanted to give and to get together with other women, so they joined the service league - so we have a whole different crew and it's wonderful," Gino said.

Meetings are the second Wednesday of the month from September through May at the New Buffalo Yacht Club.

Gino said members all pitch in to put on the show. Rettig runs the kitchen, Hollis Oselka - whose motto is "The more you bake, the more you make" - handles the bake sale, Nita Murray handles admissions and Pan Covert and Diana Smith serve as co-chairs.

"So I have a great group of people that I can count on and rely on, we're a fun group and if anyone wants to join us - Wednesdays," she said.

Deep dish pizza pizzeria from Chicago opens in La Porte

BY STAN MADDUX

Authentic Chicago-style deep dish pizza has come to La Porte.

Pizzeria Uno, which was founded in Chicago in 1943, opened Friday, Oct. 20, at the Pine Lake Resort Banquets hotel at 444 Pine Lake Avenue.

Originally a Holiday Inn, the hotel fell into disrepair in recent years; however, a nearly completed renovation has breathed new life into the entire facility.

"As everybody knows, they have a great history and we wanted to bring that Chicago style tradition into the wonderful town of La Porte," said Vikey Patel, one of the owners of the pizzeria and hotel.

Patel said the name "Chicago deep dish pizza" originated from Pizzeria Uno, which has other locations in communities such as Porter, Indiana.

"As everybody knows, they have a great history and we wanted to bring that Chicago style tradition into the wonderful town of La Porte," said Vikey Patel, one of the owners of the pizzeria and hotel.

"They're the creator of it," he said.

The atmosphere, which has soft music playing in the background along with the food, is sort of upscale.

"Everything is made fresh. Fresh vegetables. Fresh dough every day. Our ingredients are taste to please. You'll enjoy every bite. Definitely," said Sue Magee, general manager of Pizzeria Uno.

Magee said the menu also contains a wide variety of dishes, like Philly Cheese Steak sandwiches, cheeseburgers, spaghetti and meatballs and rattlesnake pasta as well as food for kids, such as chicken tenders.

Mayor Tom Dermody said he's pleased the condition of the facility has returned to its former glory days and positioned again to be more of a contributor to the local economy.

He said having a Pizzeria Uno inside the hotel is also like the icing on the cake.

"It's going to be welcoming to families and then you got a brand name I think most people will recognize out of Chicago," he said.

La Porte Economic Advancement Partnership Executive Bert Cook said the hotel will play a key role in capturing dollars from people who are coming here elsewhere to attend tournaments at the Dunes Volleyball Center near Clear Lake.

Cook said there's a need for more hotel rooms in La Porte and, recently, many people going to Dunes Volleyball Center events have been directed to Blue Chip Casino Hotel and Spa in Michigan City and other lodging facilities for overnight stays.

"We want those people to stay here. We want them to eat in our restaurants. Providing the space for them to do so as well as another dining establishment is a huge advantage for us. It keeps all of those dollars in the city of La Porte," he said.

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OBITUARIES

Jeannine Elaine Krieger

1931-2023

Jeannine Elaine Krieger, 92, of New Troy, a wonderful mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and great great grandmother, died peacefully, Monday, October 23, 2023.

Her life began August 31, 1931 in Michigan, the middle child of eight children born to William and Justeena Boyd. She married her high school sweetheart Norman "Sonny" Krieger on December 2, 1950 in Trinity Lutheran Church in Sawyer, Michigan. After fifty-six years of marriage, he preceded her in death in 2006.

In her high school days, Jeannine played basketball very well and was a cheerleader. Jeannine loved God, her family and her church, Trinity Lutheran in Sawyer. She was devoted to the church and school, singing in the choir, participating in the Parent Teacher league, coaching girls' basketball, working as a custodian, and serving as the Ladies' Aid President. She never missed a Sunday, and loved to sing old hymns and "You Are my Sunshine". Jeannine served as Weesaw Township Clerk and was very active in the Women's Republican Party. She was a huge River Valley High School supporter, selling tickets at sporting events and serving for many years as an administrative assistant in the superintendent's office. After retirement, she volunteered at the community center library in New Troy.

Jeannine will be greatly missed by family and friends. She is survived by three daughters, Kathi Beckman, Tammie (Jeffrey) Schmidt, Sherri Hausmann

one son, Tim (Ruth) Krieger; nine grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren,

one great great grandchild, one brother, Dean (Ann) Boyd, and a host of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, two sons, Norman "Skip" Krieger, Kim Krieger, two sons-in-law, Dennis Beckman, Tom Hausmann; three sisters; and three brothers.

Family and friends will gather Thursday, October 26, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in Wagner Family Funerals Pobocik Chapel, 106 Ash Street East, Three Oaks. The funeral service will be Friday, October 27, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church, 5791 Sawyer Road, Sawyer, Michigan with visitation beginning one hour prior at 10:00 a.m.

Jeannine will be laid to rest beside her beloved husband in New Troy Cemetery.

The family prefers contributions in memory of Jeannine be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, 5791 Sawyer Road, Sawyer Michigan 49125.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagner Family Funerals Pobocik Chapel, Three Oaks. Please share a memory or a message online at www.wagnercares.com.

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ARIES MARCH 21—APRIL 19

All your dreams about being chased and running for your life will come true this week. Especially the dream about being chased by fifteen clowns in an orange clown car, down Whittaker Street. Which by the way has already happened. Know that these clowns do exist.

TAURUS APRIL 20—MAY 20

It will be impossible to tell the difference between you and the tree in the front yard this week. You will drop leaves and acorns just as easily as the oak you ate lunch under yesterday. The way you will turn from green to red is quite normal this time of year and will look extremely pleasing on you.

GEMINI MAY 21—JUNE 21

Do not go to the beach today. There has been a creature spotted there, that has eaten several cats and may also be responsible for installing the new swimming and jungle gym area. No one has lost any pets as of yet, or limbs but the warning is in effect until November.

CANCER JUNE 22—JULY 22

The humming sound you hear at night is coming from the new hardware store in town. The smell and smoke have nothing to do with the screams though. That is actually coming from the library and those screams are from the new card catalog. If you don't know what that is, you may enter the library.

LEO JULY 23—AUGUST 22

The two big questions you need to ask yourself this week, is how scared of snakes are you and have you ever felt the need to sew wings on your shoes? Because there will be lots of snakes, and not just the kind that steal your lunch money. The kind that makes you want to fly.

VIRGO AUGUST 23—SEPTEMBER 22

Now is the time to recalibrate your broom and gather your flying gear. The team is looking for a proper night flyer to carry the team's mascot, as they cannot travel by day or on any other vehicle besides your trusty besom. Be sure to bring extra strength stunning powder and wart remover as well.

LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23—OCTOBER 22

Like sands through the hour glass, time will slip through your hands and that watch will unfortunately be gone forever. No need to worry, that time travel agent you spoke with last night will be happy to book you another flight. Also, the meal plan has changed to include now and later candy.

SCORPIO OCTOBER 23—NOVEMBER 21

Your lucky numbers are imaginary and everything you win this week will be non-existent. Things will just disappear right before your eyes. Even your eyes will disappear and those sunglasses you bought last week prove to be useless. Good thing because you got some creepers!

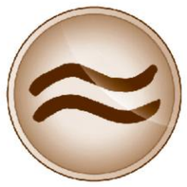
SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22—DECEMBER 21

This is a great week to change things up and go after something exciting like getting back to work on that spaceship. The cloak closet you made last season was perfect for containing interstellar beings, as well as their gear. This time they expect a better hostess and more orange juice.

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22—JANUARY 19

Be sure to check under your bed, before you go to sleep tonight, that way the creature hiding in the closet won't think you are on to him. It is not a figment of your imagination, or a result of drinking too much antifreeze. There is something living in there and it prefers bologna to salami.

AQUARIUS JANUARY 20—FEBRUARY 18



You will be awakened by strange chanting, this week. Don't worry, it is just those black-eyed children playing in your back yard again. Whatever you do not offer them food. Even if it is your Aunt Susie's fruit cake, which by the way has only caused diarrhea, never permanent paralysis.

PISCES FEBRUARY 19—MARCH 20

This is the week when everything about you changes. Your body will become covered in hair. Your limbs will elongate and become extremely muscular. Your sense of smell will become extraordinary and your taste for raw meat will increase. Avoid silver bullets at this time.

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52 Italic (abbr.)
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54 Baseball team
55 Air (pref.)

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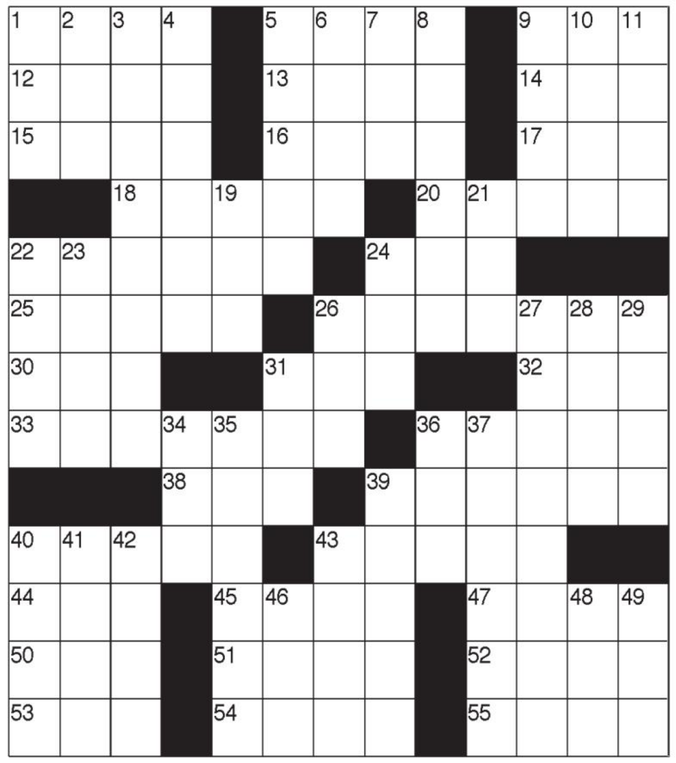

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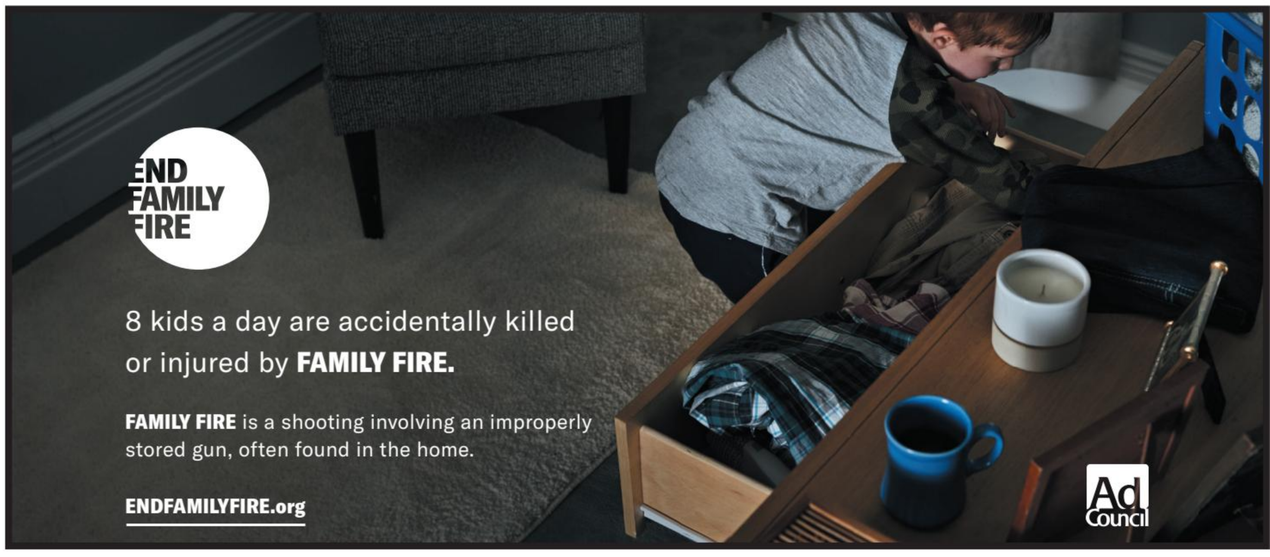
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Marines building storm shelters for Boy Scouts

BY STAN MADDUX

Boy Scouts of America members from Michiana are receiving protection against tornadoes and other severe weather by members of the U.S. Marine Corps. Reserves unit out of South Bend.

The reservists are constructing three storm shelters at Camp Topenebee along U.S. 421 south of Michigan City.

Two of the storm shelters are nearly finished, while the other one should be completed before the end of the year, said Chief Warrants Officer Jacob Friddle, a member of the armed forces reserve center at 1901 Kemble Ave.

Friddle said the floors, walls and ceilings in the storm shelters below the ground are made of concrete.

Each shelter measuring about 1,000 square feet has a walk-in basement for easy access and two separate exits, along with restrooms.

Friddle said the construction meets U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency standards.

The shelters at different locations at Camp Topenebee are for boy scouts with the South Bend based LaSalle Council, which covers eight counties across northern Indiana and southwest Michigan.

Until now, the boy scouts using the 166 acre grounds during the summer for camps and other related activities had only a training facility to take cover during severe weather, said Ken Coleman, the caretaker of Camp Topenebee owned by the LaSalle Council.

Coleman said the wood framed, rock sided building is solid, but still vulnerable to damage in a bad storm from being above the ground and having windows.

Windows could break during a tornado, for example, and result in major injuries from flying glass.

"It's a strong building. It's just on top of a hill, not ideal for storm location," he said.

Directly above each storm shelter is an open sided, wood framed pavilion, with a pitched roof for boy scouts to take part in programs.

Coleman said each pavilion is wired for electricity to have lights for activities in the evening and night.

Construction started about 18 months ago, when the LaSalle Council reached out to the marine reserve base to gauge their interest in building the structures.

Coleman said the last time the LaSalle Council asked the marine reservists for help was in the 1990s for constructing an over two mile long fitness trail at Camp Topenebee founded in 1948.

"We just made that reconnection with them when we started the storm shelter process to see if they were interested," he said.

Friddle said the unit jumped at the opportunity because it was a chance for the marine reserves to sharpen their military related construction skills.

"It met our training needs," he said.

After joining the military, Friddle said all of the reservists in South Bend were taught how to move dirt with heavy machinery and given other skills in areas such as carpentry and running electricity.

The purpose was to give them the ability to clear terrain for creating makeshift roads for trucks to reach camps with food and other supplies during combat.

They also learned to quickly dig bunkers for protection against enemy fire and build above ground shelters with power as fast as possible for troops to have at least a minimal quality of life.

That process was repeated whenever troops moved to another combat related location.

"The type of structures depends on what we have time for and what's needed," Friddle said.

He said all of the 120 or so reservists at the base have taken part in the storm shelter construction.

Coleman said the construction has occurred mostly when the reservists are available on weekends but there was a nine day stretch last summer where the work was continuous.

"We've worked with their drill schedule in order to get this done," he said.

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Jessica Piech poses with Apollo in her Red Riding Hood costume at Paws for Humanity

Guests enjoy a hayride that was sponsored by Harbor Country Collective in Three Oaks

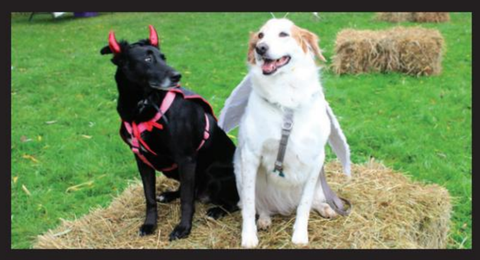
Guests enjoyed live music throughout downtown Three Oaks

Three Oaks welcomes fall

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

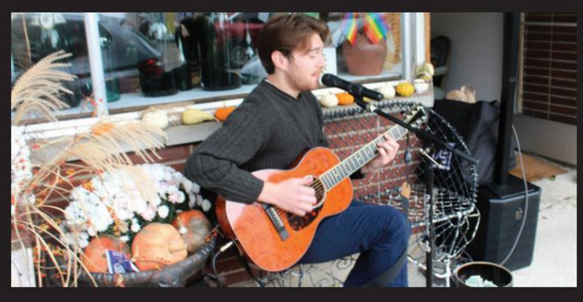
A celebration of fall was going on in Three Oaks the morning and afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 21.

Children and adults could paint pumpkins, take hayrides and meet costumed dogs as well as the resident horses, alpacas and goats at Paws for Humanity, which held its annual Fall Fest. Further down the road, those who strolled the streets of downtown Three Oaks could enjoy a day of shopping, taking a hayride down Elm Street, listening to live music and enjoying cider and other fall treats at the Three Oaks Autumn Stroll, which was put on by Stroll Three Oaks.



Daisy and Freckles as a devil and angel for the dog costume contest at Paws for Humanity

Arjun Pavulura and Avnip Yoganan paint pumpkins at Paws for Humanity



Live music was playing throughout downtown Three Oaks

Lindsey Clements and Ira Johnson hand out treats to guests along Chamberlain Path

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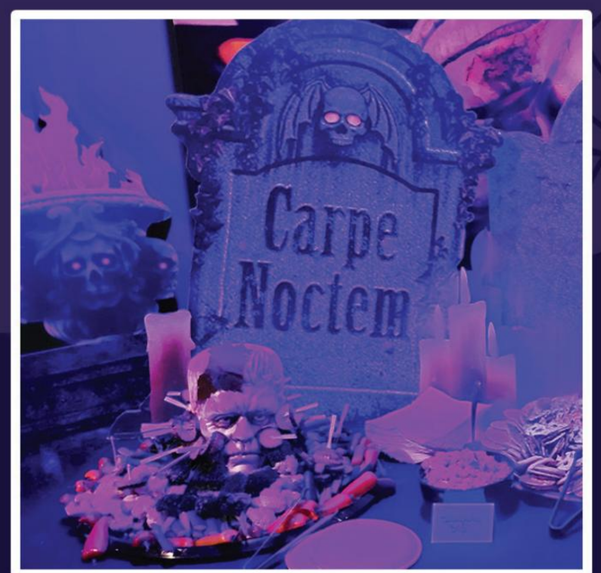

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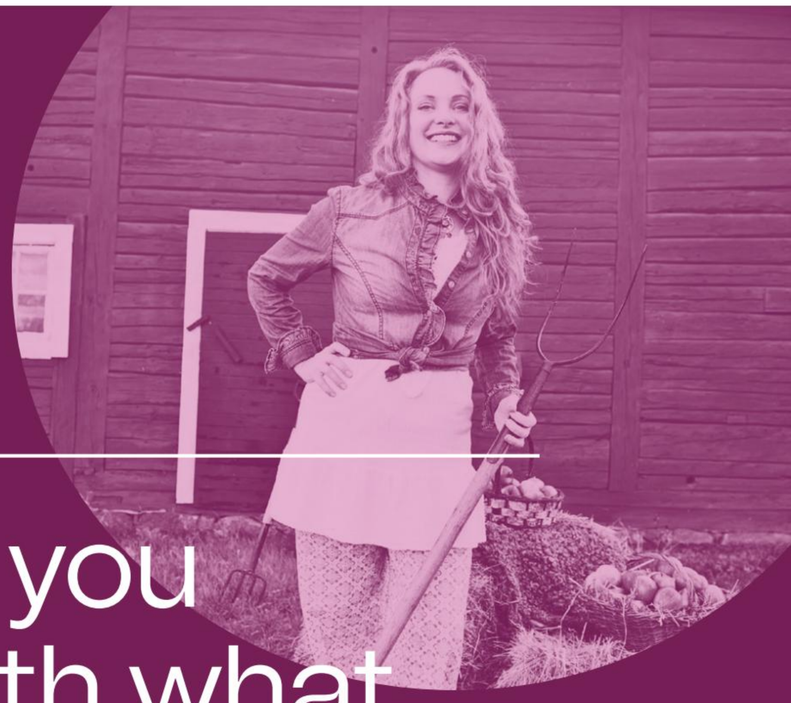

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